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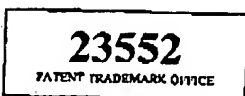
The above preliminary amendment places the claims in the same form as in the Substitute Specification submitted with the filing of the application. The applicant herewith submits a Marked-Up copy which was not submitted with the filing of the application. Please accept the Substitute Specification and the Marked-Up copy in which no substantive changes were made to change the scope of the patent. The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3-11, to make minor editory changes to claims 1-14 and to cancel claims 15 and 16.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.

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